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The Application of: Shuji SAITO et al.

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For: RECOMBINANT HERPESVIRUS OF TURKEYS AND USE THEREORECEIVED

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111** 

**TECH CENTER 1600/2900** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENT**

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

- (Amended) A recombinant herpesvirus of turkeys harboring an F protein gene of Newcastle disease virus under the control of a promoter of which sequence is shown in SEQ No.1; wherein said recombinant herpesvirus of turkeys does not comprise an HN gene.
- 2. (Amended) A recombinant herpesvirus of turkeys as in claim 1 wherein the promoter and F protein gene are inserted into a noncoding, inter-ORF region of the backbone virus genome.